#### Restaurants:

## An Industry of Opportunity

The U.S. labor market is getting stronger—with the restaurant industry leading the way, providing jobs, upward mobility and long-term job security



Restaurant employees who are proud to work in the industry



Employees who believe restaurants offer a career path of upward mobility



Years the restaurant industry has outpaced the overall U.S. economy in job growth—and it's on target to do it again in 2014

### 13.5 million people **ratatatat**

Projected size of the restaurant industry workforce—about one in 10 working Americans—in 2014

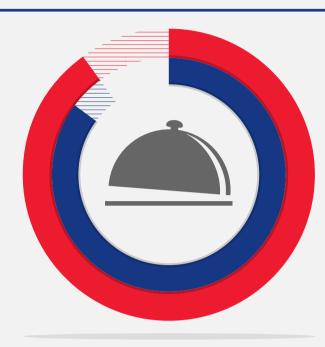
Ready, Set, Achieve!

### More than 9 out of 10

restaurant employees—from supervisors and chefs to servers and dishwashers—say the restaurant industry is a good place to get a first job



workers say restaurants provide an opportunity for people who want to succeed based on their own hard work

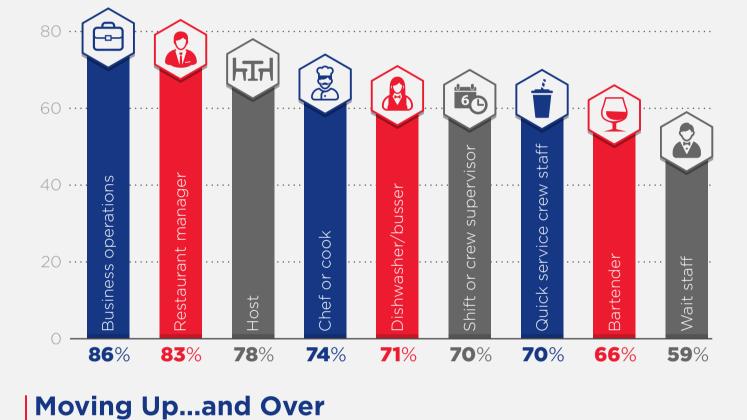




Restaurant owners who say they started their business from scratch

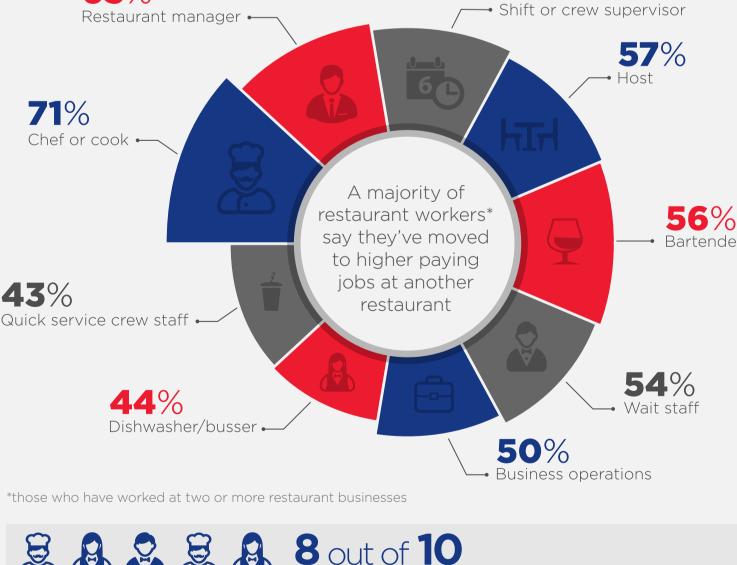
#### **Down the Road**

A majority of employees across all positions say the restaurant business provides good long-term career opportunities:



# Operators who say their first job in the industry was in an entry-level position

63%



restaurant employees say the industry is a place

Roughly

until they retire











own business

where people of all backgrounds can open their

**20** YEARS Median tenure of employees in restaurant manager and business operation positions

More than 30 years

Median tenure of restaurant employees aged 55 or older +

- **25**% of whom have worked in the industry at least four decades

The most likely candidates:

restaurant employees say they will likely continue working in the industry

Restaurant operators Restaurant managers Business operations Chef or cook

